GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
A B S T R A C T

Endowments Department – Mandatory orientation training for all temple trustees – Certain instructions - issued.

REVENUE (ENDOWMENTS.II) DEPARTMENT

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O R D E R :

It is brought to the notice of the Government that the Andhra Pradesh State have 24 thousand temples under the management of Endowments Department. Most of these temples have got their own nominated Trust Boards. In many instances persons appointed as trustees are only political appointees who have no understanding of the temple administration and temple culture. The lack of understanding is leading to conflicts between the nominated trustees and temple officials. Recently the Hindu Sadhu Parishad met in Narasannapeta, Srikakulam District and unanimously decided to request the Government to make training of temple trustees mandatory. Hence, it is proposed to have a orientation training for all trust boards including 6A temples, Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam, Tirupati, Sri Saila Devasthanam and Sri Kanaka Durga Devasthanam compulsorily hereafter.

2. Keeping in view the above position, the Government hereby adopt the following instructions:

1. Henceforth orientation training has to be organized by the Commissioner of Endowments, Executive Officer, Sri Kanaka Durga Devasthanam, Sri Saila Devasthanam, Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam to all newly appointed temple trustees within 15 days of their taking charge.

2. The Training will be conducted in State Institute of Temple Administration (SITA) campus at Sita Nagaram as far as possible or in the field if needed. SITA will utilize the customized training modules already prepared. The Executive Officer, Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam can conduct the training in SWETA at Tirupati.

3. The duration of training program may range from 1 day to 3 days depending on the size and complexity of the temple administration concerned.

4. The trustees will be trained on subjects like Sanatana Dharma, Temple Culture, Endowment Act, Temple Administrative Procedures, Role and responsibilities of Trustees, etc.,

3. The Commissioner of Endowments and Executive Officers of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam, Srisailam and Kanaka Durga Temples as well as Director, State Institute of Temple Administration shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
The Commissioner of Endowments, A.P., Vijayawada
The Executive Officer, Srisailam Devasthanam, Kurnool District.
The Executive Officer, Kanaka Durga Devasthanam, Vijayawada.

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The Executive Officer, Srikalahasthi Devasthanam, Srikalahasthi.
The Executive Officer, Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam, Tirupati.
The Regional Joint Commissioner, Endowments Department (MZ-I),
Rajamahendravaram, East Godavari District.

Copy to

The Director, State Institute of Temple Administration,
Sita Nagaram, Tadepalli, Guntur District.
The PS to Minister(Endowments)
The PS to Spl.Chief Secy. to Govt(Endowments)
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